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a stream of mercury. He also exhibited the original experiment made by Dr. Hare several years since, when Dr. Rogers was his assistant, and explained the difference between them as consisting in the one light being formed by a self-sustaining battery, and the other by a battery transient in its effects.

Dr. Leidy read a letter from Mr. Robert D. Owen, of New Harmony, announcing the death, on the 13th inst., of Dr. David Dale Owen, late a Correspondent of the Academy.

On motion of Dr. Rogers, the Secretary was directed to communicate to the immediate relatives of Dr. Owen the regret of the Academy at its loss.

On motion of Dr. Rand, the thanks of the Academy were presented to Messrs. Van Amburg & Co. for donations to the Museum, and the privilege of giving orders of admission to the Museum on public days was granted to the same.

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*Nov. 22d.*

SPECIAL MEETING.

MR. LEA, President, in the Chair.

The President announced the decease of our respected Vice-President, Major Le Conte, on the 21st inst., and stated the object of the meeting to be to express the sense of the Academy at its loss. After a short review of the character and labors of Major Le Conte, by Dr. Fisher, Dr. Elwyn, Mr. Foulke and Mr. Lea, Dr. Fisher offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Academy has heard with the deepest regret of the death of our late esteemed Vice-President, Maj. John Le Conte, who has for so many years adorned the ranks of the students of Natural Science in America, and who at the time of his decease was one of the oldest naturalists in our country.

*Resolved*, That Mr. John Cassin be requested to prepare a biographical notice of Maj. Le Conte.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to send to the family of our deceased Vice-President a copy of these resolutions, and that they be published in the daily journals of this city.

*Resolved*, That the members of the Academy will meet at the Hall of the Academy at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday the 24th inst., to proceed from thence to attend the funeral of the deceased.

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*Nov. 27th.*

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Thirty members present.

The following papers were, on report of their respective Committees, ordered to be published in the Proceedings :

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